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CLAIM 1 CANCELLED

Claim 2. (Amended) A method of preventing contamination of a canvas for pressing a paper strip against a [the] surface of drum-dryers used for drying the paper strip in a paper machine, whereby a silicone oil is continuously supplied at a spray rate of 0.1 to 200 mg / m² per minute to a [the] surface of canvas rolls for guiding the canvas, in a stage of operation prior to the paper strip being pressed into contact with the canvas as well as the drum-dryers, while the paper strip is being fed by operation of the paper machine.

Claim 3. (Amended) A method of preventing contamination of the canvas according to Claim [1 or] 2, wherein [a] ^{silicone} ~~the silicon~~ oil is emulsified with a surfactant [is used].

Claim 4. (Amended) A method of preventing contamination of the canvas according to Claim [1 or] 2, wherein the ^{silicone} ~~silicon~~ oil is further diluted with water [before being put to use].

Claim 5. (Amended) A method of preventing contamination of the canvas according to Claim [1 or] 2, wherein the ^{silicone} ~~silicon~~ oil is diluted with water heated to a temperature in the range of 50 to 80°C immediately before spraying [is put to use].

CLAIM 6 CANCELLED

Claim 7. (Amended) A method of preventing contamination of a canvas for pressing a paper strip against a [the] surface of drum-dryers used for drying the paper strip in a paper machine, said method comprising the following steps 1) to 5):

- 1) [the silicone oil supply step for] supplying a silicone oil to a [the] surface of an out-roll;

- 2) [the silicone oil shifting step for] shifting the silicone oil from the surface of the out-roll to the canvas;
- 3) [the silicone oil permeation and adhesion step for] causing the silicone oil to permeate through the canvas and adhere to the surface thereof under heat and pressure;
- 4) [the silicone oil transfer step for] pressing a paper strip against the canvas, causing the silicone oil to be transferred to the paper strip;
and
- 5) [the silicone oil replenishment step for] replenishing the silicone oil depleted after transferred from the canvas.

CLAIMS 8-13 CANCELLED